Ericsson pull out from J.V. damages Indian Partner

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news-item captioned "Ericsson pull out from JV damages Indian Partner" published in Times of India, New Delhi dated the 23rd November, 1999;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Ericsson Business Network AB, Sweden have been restrained from signing any collaboration agreement with Indian Government by the Delhi High Court;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for continuation of business relations with this company; and

(e) whether Government would immediately stop dealing with the Swedish group and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) As the issue, cited in the news item, is between two companies, arising out of JV agreement between them, the Government has no role to play in the matter.

(c) Vide the orders dated 8.7.1999 & 15.7.1999 passed by Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, Government of India has been restrained from approving any collaboration unless and until the defendant i.e. M/s Ericssion Business Network, deposit 15 million rupees in court.

(d) and (e) As per the above court decision, the Government is only restrained from approving any collaboration. However, this decision does restrain the Government from continuing business if any, with the company.